

The Homegoing Celebration
Of
Brother Ralston Miles Lucas, Jr.



Brother Ralston M. Lucas, Jr.
GWP 2003-2008

Sunrise: February 20, 1942

Sunset: September 19, 2014

SERVICES

Tuesday - September 30, 2014 11:00 A.M.

St. John Missionary Baptist Church

662 South 52nd Street - Richmond, California 94804

Officiant

Dr. Kevin B. Hall, Pastor

Life Tributes

Brother Ralston M. Lucas, Jr. was born on February 20, 1942 in Pittsburgh, PA to the loving parents of Ralston M. Lucas, Sr. and Margaret Guess Lucas. He was the eldest of four children. Sonny, as he was fondly known attended the public schools of Pittsburgh, PA graduating from Schenley High School. After graduating he volunteered for service in the U.S. Navy, where he remained for 28 years until his retirement as a senior chief, June of 1988.

During his stint in the U.S. Navy his specialty titles were Operations Specialist and Instructor. Lucas duties consisted of communicating with the Pentagon and other officials in Washington, D.C., sending and receiving transmittals to inform his Captain of how the vessel was to maneuver. His ships and tour of duty dates are USS Canberra, Norfolk, VA 1/1/1961-9/25/1963; USS Sierra Norfolk, VA 10/6/1963-10/14/1963; USS Dahlgren, Norfolk, VA 10/14/1963-10/4/1964; USS Ramsey, Long Beach, CA 10/10/1965-7/16/1968; USS Caliente, Long Beach, CA 11/15/1971-11/11/1973; USS Sacramento, Bremerton, WA 1/17/1974-2/29/1976; USS Mars, Oakland, CA 4/3/1978-5/29/1981; USNS Spica, Subic Bay, PI 8/6/1984-10/28/1986 and USS Lang, San Francisco, CA 12/18/1986-12/31/1988. He received the following prestigious commendations: Meritorious Unit Commendation, Good Conduct Award with Silver Star, Navy Expeditionary Medal with 2 Bronze Stars, National Defense Medal, and Republic of Vietnam Campaign Ribbon with 1 Silver & 2 Bronze Stars, Vietnam Meritorious Unit Commendation with Palm, Vietnam Service, Expert Pistol Shot (45 Cal), Enlisted Surface Warfare Specialist and Senior Enlisted Advisor.

On January 12, 1979 Lucas married Ann together they blended their families; Lucas had two sons Michael Lucas and Mark Lucas. Ann had two daughters Vanessa Miller and Shaney Miller. Lucas loved Ann dearly and would do anything for the love of his life. Lucas considered Ann as his Nubian Queen. They were blessed to be together for 35 magnificent years.

After retiring from the U.S. Navy, Lucas who was a faithful provider for his family worked three jobs simultaneously. Lucas was the owner and CFO of Vee's Home of Tender Loving Care a group home that he and Ann operated from 1988 to 2001. He was employed with Bay Area Rapid Transit "BART" as a storekeeper for 25 years during the years of 1989 – 2014. He also worked for the Oakland Coliseum now the Oracle as an Usher and later he became a Supervisor for the period of 1999 to 2014.

In 1999, under the leadership of Pastor Kevin B. Hall, Lucas accepted Christ and became a member of St. John Missionary Baptist Church in Richmond, CA where he and Ann served with honor and grace. Lucas sang with the R.L. Johnson Male Chorus whenever he was not working.

Lucas also worked tirelessly in the Masonic Lodge and Order of Eastern Star. He held many stations in Sons of Love #35, including Right Worshipful Master and Treasurer; they later merged with Amos Lodge #14. He was a member of Star of Love #22, O.E.S. Lucas served in numerous capacities in Hiram of Tyre Grand Lodge; one of his most honored positions was as the Past Grand Worthy Patron of Golden Poppy Grand Chapter O.E.S., in August 2014 Lucas achieved the highest degree of a Mason his 33°. He was also a member of St. Andrew Consistory #2, a member of Golden Gate Knights Templar #2, Royal Lodge of Perfection #2, Growing Star Royal Arch Chapter. #8 and Mecca Shrine Temple #20.

Seldom do we run across a man of better temperament or a more gentlemanly, considerate and dedicated one than our own Ralston M. Lucas, Jr. Ever the optimist, his service to our country, his family, the church and the community for the past 72 years, has earned him the respect and admiration of a leader at every level throughout this great movement.

Lucas leaves to celebrate his life, his wife of 35 years, Ann Lucas; his children Michael Lucas, Mark Lucas, Shaney Fredzess, DeShante Lucas, Brittnee (Rex) Smith, Peter Lucas, Kairee Fredzess, Ariel Fredzess, and Ajah Fredzess and his Mother-In-Law, Alberta Story. Siblings: Shirley (Dan) Davis and Richard Lucas. In-Laws: James (Joann) Cooper, Jimmie Moore, Juanita (Jonathan) Dumas, Beverly Williams, Kruger (Joyce) Story, Bennie Story, Jr. and April (Tony) Scott. God-children: Sheena Aubrey and Malik Stinson; 4 grandchildren, 3 great-grandchildren and a host of nephews, nieces, relatives and friends.

Lucas was preceded in death by his parents, Ralston and Margaret Lucas; brother Bert Lucas and daughter Vanessa Franklin.

Order of Service

Musical Prelude.....Brother Steven Green

Processional..... Clergy, Family and Friends

Scriptures..... Old Testament Minister Ericka Hall

New Testament Minister Otis Harris

Prayer.....Minister Peggy Morris

Solo ~~Sister Alfreda Mitchel~~

Acknowledgements.....Sister Delores Murray-Hill

Resolution..... Sister Judy Matthews

Golden Poppy Grand Chapter Resolution..... Sister Marvelia Major

Hiram of Tyre Grand Lodge Resolution Brother Norman Ward

Obituary..... Read Silently

Solo Minister Cynthia Harris

Words of Love Sister Ajah Fredzess (grandchild)

Words of Remembrance (2 minutes Please)

Deacon James Cooper – Family

Sister Lakresa Mecole "Cole" Brown, Esq. - Family

Sister Zodia M. Jordan – Church/Star of Love #22, O.E.S.

Brother Brian Watkins – Area Manager Staff Pro (Oakland A's)

Brother Jesse Alicante – Bart/U.S. Navy

Special Commemorations

Sister Nadine Gills-Ward, Golden Poppy Grand Chapter, O.E.S.

Brother Ron Adams, Hiram of Tyre Grand Lodge

Solo..... **“I Won’t Complain”** Minister Dion Williams

Words of Victory. *Psalm 124* I will lift my arm
Dr. Kevin B. Hall, Pastor

Parting View

Recessional.....Wilson & Kratzer Funeral Services

INTERMENT

Rolling Hills Memorial Park

4100 Hilltop Drive

Richmond CA. 94804

MILITARY HONOR SALUTE

Repast - R.L. Johnson Fellowship Hall

PALLBEARERS

Bishop Aaron E. Ward, Sr.
Deacon Robert Carter
Deacon Bobby Johnson
Brother Norman Ward
Brother Herman Matthews
Brother Kenny Younger

HONORARY PALLBEARERS

Brother Richard Lucas	Deacon James Cooper
Brother Michael Lucas	Brother Jimmie Moore
Brother Mark Lucas	Brother Kruger Story, Sr.
Brother Peter Lucas	Brother Bennie Story, Jr.
Brother Kairee Fredzess, Sr.	Brother Jonathan Dumas
Brother Levon Cooper	Brother Clarence Cooper
Brother Pernell Cooper	Brother Maurice Lucas
Brother DiSaun Cooper	Brother James Cooper, Jr.
Brother Kruger Story, Jr.	Brother Rex Smith
Brother Larry Miller	Brother Pierre Brown
Brother Benny Story III	Brother Derrick Moore
Brother Tony Scott	Brother Malik Stinson

Acknowledgment

The Lucas Family is truly blessed to have such a loving circle of family and friends, especially during the loss of someone so dear to us. Mere words can never be enough to express our gratitude. Thank you for your prayers, dishes, cards, flowers, visits, phone calls and other acts of kindness and encouragement. Please continue to pray for us.

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We especially want to thank the staff at Oakland Healthcare & Wellness Center for the exceptional care provided to our loved one and his family.
Special thank you to the staff at Vale Healthcare Center for the excellent care they provided to our loved one and his family.
May God bless and keep each of you.
-The Lucas Family -



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